

“Jesus Is...” - LESSON 2

“Jesus Is...COUNSELOR”

Main Focus:

Jesus will give us wisdom and guidance when we are lost



Power Verse:

“The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.” – Psalm 32:8



Watt’s Up:

“When I Don’t Know What To Do, I Know God Will See Me Through!”

LEADER’S INFO

This world is tough! There are lots of situations children face every day that bring about lots of questions. “What should I do? How should I respond? Where do I go from here? Can anybody help me?”

In this lesson, the children are going to learn another word the prophet Isaiah used to describe Jesus. That is COUNSELOR. When children face tough situations and have questions, they can ask Jesus. He will give them wisdom!

The children will learn in the Bible Story that even the three wise men who visited Jesus after he was born needed wise counsel.

In this lesson, the children will learn that no matter what they face, if they ask Jesus for help, He will give them wisdom!



“The Spark” Intro Video

The Christmas Spelling Bee



“Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video

Skittles teaches “Watt’s Up?”



Character Skit

“Clyde The Elf”



Offering Time



Game On!

“Name That Christmas Carol”



Bible Story

“The Wise Men and Herod”



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Call To Action

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Brain Drain

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 2 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

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“Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video

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- “Watt’s Up?” Trigger Video

Character Skit

- “Clyde The Elf” Theme Graphic/Music
- Elf costume
- A Smartphone

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game On!

- “Game On!” Bumper Video
- “Name That Christmas Carol” Graphic
- CD Player/MP3 player
- Sound system (optional)
- Several Christmas carols on CD/digital format

Bible Story

- “The Wise Men and Herod” Graphics
- Bible

Power Verse Video

- “Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Jesus Is... COUNSELOR!” Graphics
- A small table
- 10 gift boxes filled with different prizes of unequal value - one prize way better than the others

Brain Drain

- “Brain Drain” Bumper Video
- “Brain Drain” Lesson 2 Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Props Print Piece
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils
- Scissors
- Tape
- Craft sticks
- Construction paper (preferably yellow)
- Blindfolds
- STAR Print Piece

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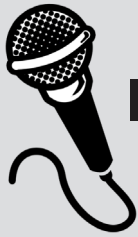
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Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey kids! Today, we are continuing our series, “Jesus Is...”. It’s ALL about Christmas! We are learning about an important prophecy all about the day Jesus would be born. It contains lots of words used to describe Jesus. Last time we learned that Jesus is WONDERFUL. The next word Isaiah used to describe Jesus was COUNSELOR!

When I say the word Counselor, what do you think of? *(allow a few kids to respond)* That’s right - most of us think about our school counselor or someone that we’ve seen to talk about problems going on in our lives. It’s great to have those people, but today, we’re learning that Jesus is the ULTIMATE counselor! Now, I want you to check out the next episode of the 3rd Annual Pewaukee Christmas Spelling Bee!

(play “The Spark” Intro Video)

Leader: In your lesson, today, you are going to learn all about how Jesus Is...COUNSELOR! Jesus can help us when we don’t know what to do! He can guide us and help us do the right thing in any situation we face! But, before we get too far into the lesson, let’s check in with Skittles and find out “Watt’s Up?”

(play “Watt’s Up?” Teaching Video)

CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Clyde The Elf” *(a scatter-brained young man who works at the local mall as an elf at Santa’s Photo Booth. He’s dressed in the usual elf attire—pointed ears, lots of green and red, etc. He’s very excitable.)*

CLYDE: *(panicked, storms out onto the stage looking at a smartphone)* No, no, no, no, NO, NO, NO! Not now! NOT NOW!

Leader: Oh, hey Clyde! Are you okay?

CLYDE: *(looks up at the leader with a cockeyed, stricken expression)* Is this the face of someone that’s okay?!

Leader: No, that’s kind of terrifying. What’s wrong?

CLYDE: GARGLE!

Leader: Did you just say “gargle?”

CLYDE: YES! Gargle! Gargle is DOWN!

Leader: What in the world is “Gargle?” Is that the rejected name of one of Santa’s reindeer?

CLYDE: No, you’re thinking of Reggie. I’m talking about GARGLE!!! You know - the thing on the internet!

Leader: I’m so confused.

CLYDE: *(sighs, exasperated)* OH COME ON! Everybody knows Gargle! It’s the website where you can type in whatever question you want - whatever kind of thing you could be searching for - and it spits out the answer!

Leader: *(laughs)* Ohhhhhhhh, you mean GOOGLE!

CLYDE: That’s what I said! Gargle! It’s. Not. WORKING.

Leader: What do you mean, “It’s not working”?

CLYDE: What do you mean, *(mocks the leader’s voice)* “What do you mean?” I mean that it is NOT WORKING. I was gargling -

Leader: *(interrupts)* Googling.

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CHARACTER SKIT

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CLYDE: That's what I said! I was gargling the proper way to make peppermint cocoa so I could make some for all of the other elves back at the mall, and it just...went dead! My whole phone stopped working! I KILLED GARGLE!

Leader: Calm down, Clyde. It's going to be okay! You don't have to get worked up over something so silly. And, once again - it's GOOGLE.

CLYDE: THAT'S WHAT I SAID! Did you not understand what I just said? I. Killed. GARGLE. The most important website of all time! How are people going to get their questions answered? What's the best Christmas present for my dad? What are the names of Santa's reindeer? *(gasps)* What's the funniest cat video of all time? *(shakes the leader)* FOR THE LOVE OF KRIS KRINGLE, THINK OF THE CAT VIDEOS!!

Leader: Clyde, CALM YOURSELF. Yes, it's true - life brings a lot of questions! Some more serious than finding a cat video. A lot of people depend on technology to answer their questions, but sometimes that technology can fail us! And when that happens, people tend to...freak out.

CLYDE: Oh, I haven't even BEGUN to freak out! *(takes in a deep breath, starts to scream)*

Leader: *(clamps their hand over Clyde's mouth)* THANKFULLY, we can talk to God! See, God knows ALL things! I mean, He's been around forever - and He MADE everything! So, He's going to be smarter than all the smart people that have ever existed! And even better, He NEVER shuts down! So, why don't you take a deep breath and pray? The Bible tells us that we can ask Jesus, and He will give you wisdom! *(removes their hand)*

CLYDE: Okay...okay...*(looks down at their phone, laughs)* Hey! My phone battery died! I didn't kill Gargle... *(gasps, excited)* I DIDN'T KILL GARGLE!!!! *(jumps up and down and cheers)*

Leader: GOOGLE!!

CLYDE: That's what I said! I gotta go, everybody! I've gotta charge my phone, then make 300 gallons of peppermint cocoa! See you later! Ho, Ho, Ho, and away I go! *(runs offstage as his theme music plays)*



GAME ON!

“Name That Christmas Carol”

Items Needed For Game:

CD Player/MP3 player; sound system (*optional*); several Christmas carols



Preparation:

Choose an even number of songs to use for this game. Set them up in a playlist so you can easily move from one song to the next.



How To Play:

Choose three boys and three girls to participate in this game. Tell them that you are going to play ten seconds of a popular Christmas carol. They will have to take turns guessing the name of the carol (*or at least be able to sing a bit of the carol to prove they know what carol it is*). The team that guesses the most carols correctly is declared the winner.



Bible Story

“The Wise Men and Herod”

Materials Needed:

The Data Disc; the PowerPoint presentation for Lesson 2; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the passage in Matthew 2:1-18; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is found in the book of Matthew, chapter 2. King Herod was the king of Judea where many of the Jewish people lived. By this time, he was old and very sick. He was not a very good king. Herod did not treat his people fairly.

One day, King Herod got a visit from three wise men who had come from a long distance. The wise men arrived in Jerusalem and went straight to the palace of Herod. (*show pic*) They asked him, “Where is the new King of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose in the East, and we have come to worship him.” King Herod was confused. After all, HE was the king of the Jewish people. Who could these wise men be talking about? Herod asked some of his priests and philosophers, and they gave him the answer. The new king these wise men were talking about was the Messiah, the one whom Isaiah prophesied about. They were talking about Jesus! King Herod was angry. He was not excited at all about the possibility of losing his throne to this new baby, Jesus. So, King Herod made a plan to get rid of Jesus.



(*show pic*) Herod told the wise men, “Go to Bethlehem, then come back and tell me where the new king is staying. I want to go worship him also.” The truth is, King Herod had NO plans to worship Jesus. Herod was hoping the wise men would come tell him where to find Jesus so he could send his soldiers to kill this new born King of the Jews.



(*show pic*) So, the wise men left Herod and traveled until they arrived at the home where Jesus was staying in Bethlehem. When they arrived, they presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. Then before they left to return to Herod, God gave the wise men a dream. (*show pic*) God told them to return home without telling Herod where Jesus was staying. When Herod didn’t see the wise men return, he was VERY angry. He ordered his soldiers to go to Bethlehem and kill every baby boy that was under two years old. However, because of the dream God gave the wise men, Jesus was safe and sound away from King Herod and his soldiers.



God knew they needed help, so He gave them wisdom. Even the wise men needed a wise Counselor! In your lesson today, you will learn Jesus is a wise counselor and He can help you in any situation!



Call To Action

“Jesus Is COUNSELOR”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 2; a small table; 3 gift boxes filled with 3 different prizes of unequal value - one prize way better than the others

Preparation:

Set up the gift boxes with the prizes; Begin with the slide titled “Jesus Is... COUNSELOR”

The Message: *(title slide)*



Have you ever been to the counselor’s office at school? *(allow response)* The school counselor is usually a really nice man or woman who helps kids when they have a problem. If you need help with a tough situation, you go to the counselor’s office. If you are faced with a bully, trouble with your grades, problems with your friends and family, and most other situations like these, you can go to the counselor to help you out!

Well, we’re not talking about school counselors today. Today, we’re learning the next word Isaiah used to describe Jesus - COUNSELOR! That’s right - Jesus is our counselor! He can help you during any situation you face! When you don’t know what to do, Jesus can help you! Let’s face it...

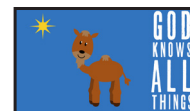
Life Brings Lots Of Questions *(slide)*



There are a LOT of times when we don’t know what to do, what to say, or where to go. We’re all faced with tough situations in our families, friendships, and at school. When troubles come our way, it’s not always easy to know how to respond or what to do. We can have lots of questions and sometimes it can be frustrating because when we ask other people what we should do, they either give us bad advice that doesn’t help or they say, “I don’t know! Good luck with that!”

Well, when life brings us lots of questions, we can go straight to God! He can help us, even when no one else knows what to do!

God Knows ALL Things *(slide)*



Can you believe that? He knows ALL things! That means God knows the answer to every question on every test, every random fact there ever was, every person’s name in the whole world, and how many licks it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop!

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Call To Action (Continued)

I need a volunteer! *(choose a volunteer and walk them to your table with 10 gift boxes)* I have filled each of these boxes with 3 different prizes. One of them is WAY better than the others, but you get to choose only one box to open and get the prize from. Now, I think you should ask someone to help you - to give you some wise counsel on which box to pick and get the best prize. So, you can ask anyone in this room - I mean anyone! Who are you going to ask to help? *(allow child to respond - coach the child before service to choose you)* That's a great idea - after all, I DID put the prizes in these boxes, so I DO know more than anyone else which prize is best. *(show the child which box to choose and what was in some of the other boxes, and then send them back to their seat with their prize)*

When it came to these boxes, I knew ALL about it! I was the best person to ask in this room. And that's how it is in life. You can ask a lot of people for help, but only one knows ALL things - that's God! He knows absolutely EVERYTHING! In fact, the Bible says in Luke 12:7, “*And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.*” Wow - that means God not only knows ALL things, but God knows ALL about YOU! So when you don't know what to do, God knows! He knows about everything you're facing, and He can help show you what to do! All you have to do is...

ASK Jesus – He Will Give You Wisdom *(slide)*



When you are facing big problems in your family or a bully at school, ask Jesus for help. When you are trying to decide something really tough and you don't know what to do, ask Jesus - He will give you wisdom. Our Power Verse says: *(show Power Verse slide)* “*The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.” – Psalm 32:8*

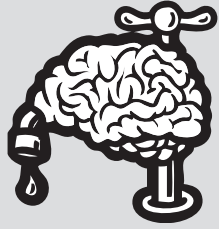


All you have to do is ask Jesus - He will give you wisdom. How do you ask? It's simple - you just pray to Jesus and say, “Jesus, I don't know what to do. Give me wisdom so I know what to do.”

When you pray and ask Jesus for wisdom, He will give it to you. When you finish praying, take a few moments to listen for God to speak to you. He may not speak out loud and say, *(use a deep, low voice to sound like God)* “____ *(a child's name in the crowd)*, this is God! I have the wisdom you requested, so listen up!” Nope - that probably won't happen! Most of the time, God uses a still, small voice. That means, a lot of the times, he helps guide and direct your thoughts. When you've prayed and asked God for wisdom, take some time to listen. When you ask Jesus, He will give you wisdom!

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for any children who are facing a tough situation. Pray that when they have questions and they don't know what to do, that the God who knows all things will give them wisdom and direction to do the right thing. Pray that when they seek their Counselor, they will find peace and wisdom!



BRAIN DRAIN

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 2; “Brain Drain” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “Brain Drain” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “Brain Drain”; there is a slide for each question

1. Watt’s Up today?

Answer: “When I Don’t Know What To Do, I Know God Will See Me Through!”

2. What is the name of the King in our Bible Story today?

Answer: Herod

3. Who came to speak to King Herod?

Answer: Three Wise Men

4. Who were the wise men looking for?

Answer: Jesus

5. What word did Isaiah use to describe Jesus that we learned about today?

Answer: Counselor

6. According to our lesson today, “Life Brings Lots Of _____.”

Answer: Questions

7. According to our lesson today, “God Knows ____ Things.”

Answer: ALL

8. According to our lesson today, “ASK Jesus – He Will Give You _____.”

Answer: Wisdom

9. True Or False: Jesus is a Counselor.

Answer: True

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Psalm 32:8